

## ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Christopher Price (Chairman)  
Pat Pain Ms Sue Morris  
Douglas Godwin Calne Edginton White  
Sandra Woodhouse David Nott  
Alistair Scott Alan Brooks  
Andrew Croot Jim Lawson  
Chris Sankey Richard Williams

**In attendance:** Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Colin Link Lengthsman, County Councillor Rebecca Vale, Bonita Stevens, June Passey & Mr Hayden Green.

**Apologies:** District Councillor Rod Wilson

### **1848 Confirmation of the Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **1849 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;**

A) Cllr Jim Lawson in Bliss Gates Play Fields Application No 17/0350/FUL. B) There were none.

### **1850 Public Participation:**

Mr Mark Sheriff spoke regarding Planning Application 17/0350/Ful he stated there was great unrest within the Bliss Gate Community towards this unwanted planning application. Residents objected to it and several had written letters to the planning officer already. He stated a local petition was being circulated opposed to the scheme and urged the Parish Council to support the local opposition.

Mr Hayden Green spoke about difficulties he was having regards his planning application No 17/0189/FUL at Hill Top Farm. The Clerk advised Mr Green he would take this complaint up with the relevant Planning Officer tomorrow.

### **1851 Planning Matters:**

010 Application No: 17/0325/S106  
Application for: VARIATION OF S106 AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH PLANNING PERMISSION WF/0642/98 TO ALLOW DEASLAND FARM HOUSE TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE FARM HOLDING at DEASLAND FARM, DEASLAND LANE, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XQ.

RESOLVED to approve.

011 Application No: 17/0001/OUTL (Additional Plans / Revised Plans / Revised Description) Application for: Partial demolition of existing works and construction of 22 dwellings at ALTON WORKS, LONGBANK, BEWDLEY, DY122UL.

Council RESOLVED in principal support the development of dwellings on this land with the following considerations they wish to be considered by Wyre Forest DC;

- The density on the site is a major consideration
- Access to the site off Long Bank between the Business Park and Lye Head Road is a major concern there are frequent rear shunts entering the Wyre Forest Centre along the A456 Road. It was suggested a filter Lane be considered by the Highways Department if this development proceeds.

- A Speed Limit Reduction should be considered from the Boundary of Bewdley towards the Callow Hill parish sign
- Sustainability needs to be considered
- Consideration should be given to our Parish Council Housing Needs Survey
- A detailed Environmental Survey regarding the site species and trees need considering
- An agreed section 106 agreement towards the Parish Councils Play Facilities

The Parish Council believes lots of the above have been considered however they are still concerned that greater weight needs to be given to the Parish Housing Needs Survey where locals called for more development of Bungalows so they can downsize but stay within the Parish. Speed Limits also need to be reduced at the entrance to this site as we have only had another accident last week (20<sup>th</sup> June 2017).

012 Application No: 17/0350/FULL  
 Application for: Proposed BMX dirt track at BLISS GATE VILLAGE RECREATIONAL AREA, BINE LANE, BLISS GATE, ROCK, DY149YB.  
 Following a great debate Council RESOLVED to refuse this application.

The Parish Council are gravely concerned that its inappropriate development on this public open space land. There is no Ecological Survey accompanying the application and the PC is concerned for the wildlife and protected wildlife that will be affected by this application.

The PC believes there are Grey Crested Newts on the site in and around the highlighted location for the proposed earth moving and would have expected a report or comments from Natural England. The proposed location for the BMX Track also floods in bad weather and this could have a devastating effect on Gladderbrook and properties lower downstream.

The PC would have expected an Environmental Survey to have accompanied this application especially comments from the EA.

Finally the PC was concerned at the lack of public consultation with this application and for all the reasons above RESOLVED to recommend refusal.

013 Application No: 17/0189/FULL  
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling' detached garage, agricultural storage unit with vehicular access at HILL TOP FARM, DARK LANE, GORST LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YL.

RESOLVED to approve.

014 Application No: 17/0278/FULL (Additional Plans / Revised Plans / Revised Description) Application for: Extension to form warehouse at BONDLOC (UK) LTD, LONG BANK, BEWDLEY BUSINESS PARK, BEWDLEY, DY122TZ.

RESOLVED to approve.

## **1852 Update Sheet**

There was none.

## **1853 County & District Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Rebecca Vale introduced herself to members of the Committee. She stated she had had a busy few months since her election to County Hall. She stated she had a particular interest in Education being a former Economics Teacher herself. District Councillor Rod Wilson had sent apologies.

### **1854 Parish Magazine**

Councillor Calne Edginton White to write tonight's report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Ms Christine Sankey in July.

### **1855 Apprenticeship Scheme**

Councillor Alan Brooks asked how we were progressing with the Apprenticeship Scheme within the Parish. The Clerk stated we were still sponsoring an apprentice at Cleobury Mortimer Primary School now entering her final training year. It was agreed the Clerk and Councillor Brooks would meet to discuss the current scheme and report back to the Parish Council.

### **1856 Defibrillators within the Parish**

Councillor Mrs Pat Pain raised the matter of where we had defibrillators located around the parish. It was stated we had the following known sites;

- Clows Top – Phone Box
- Far Forest – Baptist Church
- Callow Hill – Sports Pavillion
- Heightington – Village Hall
- Rock – Village Hall

It was stated a local group called Heart Start offered training in the use of defibrillators Cllr Edginton – White to provide the contact details to the Clerk . Councillor Croot agreed to lead a meeting of the Emergency Planning Committee to review the current Draft Plan and bring it update with all the defibrillator locations.

### **1857 Flying the Red Ensign**

Council RESOLVED to fly the Red Ensign on September 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the National Flag Awareness Day and register our support on the Merchant Navy Website.

### **1858 Wyre Forest District Council – Local Plan Review**

Council RESOLVED to defer this item to enable individual councillors to visit the sites identified within the consultation document provided by WFDC prior to discussion at our July meeting.

### **1859 West Mercia Consultation on Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Merger**

Council RESOLVED to defer this matter for consideration in July.

### **1860 Accounts for Payment**

- a) Accounts amounting to £7,007.53 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date.
- c) The Asset Register dated 12-6-17 was approved.

### **1861 Date of the next Meeting**

There being no other business the meeting ended at 21.05pm. It was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

Chairman.....  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2017